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SUBJECT: TURKS SAY THEY ARE STILL INTERESTED IN QIZ
LEGISLATION

(SBU) During a September 30 meeting with ATC Chairman Scowcroft, Prime Minister Erdogan asked what had happened to the Qualifying Industrial Zone legislation. In an October 1 conversation with MFA Deputy U/S Alev Kilic, DCM asked for clarification of Erdogan's question. Kilic responded that the GOT was still interested in QIZ legislation, even with textiles excluded, and would welcome legislation along the lines of that discussed last year. He added that the MFA expected the issue to be on the agenda for December's EPC meeting.
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